Breach in the Tovala Channel.

132. *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the extent of the breach in the Tovala Channel reported to have occurred on 30-1-1945 somewhere about its 10th mile ;

(*b*) how long will it take to repair the breach and allow water again for purposes of irrigation ;

(*c*) what is the area of the land the irrigation of which has now been cut off by this breach in the channel ;

(*d*) have they received any report from the authorities of the Engineer's Department regarding the breach ;

(*e*) if so, what was the cause of this breach as reported by them;

(*f*) is it due to any negligence on the part of any of the subordinates of the department ; and

(*g*)) if so, what action they have taken against them ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) About 50 ft. long, 20-ft. average width and 15 ft. height.

(*b*) Already repaired.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The main cause was an undetected hole.

(*f*) Yes. Partly.

(*g*) The Maistry and Watcher have been ordered to be placed under suspension pending detailed enquiry.

Maintenance of Chavara-Sasthamcotta Road.

133. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any provision in the budget for the maintenance of Chavara-Sasthamcotta road this year ;

(*b*) whether any tender has been called for this work ;

(*c*) whether any body has put in any petition that he would take up the work ;

(*d*) the reason for not placing the contract; and

(*e*) whether the department intends to take up the work this year ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Contract already arranged for.

(*e*) Yes. The work is already in progress.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED : Will the Chief Engineer take it from me that no investigations have been made in the matter ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I shall enquire.—

Road from Vattiyurkavu to Perurkadai.

134. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which the survey for a road from Vattiyurkavu to Perurkadai was completed ;

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